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Kazutsugu SUITA et al.) Group Art Unit: 3661
Application No.: 10/829,153) Examiner: Marc MCDIEUNEL
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
LIMITING THE MOVEMENT OF A)
ROBOT, AND A ROBOT EQUIPPED)
WITH SAID APPARATUS)

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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from the German Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached. Copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed. English translations of the abstracts or the entirety of the non-English documents are enclosed. The abstract

for EP 1 267 234 is not available, but an abstract for a corresponding document, EP 1 239 354 is available and has been enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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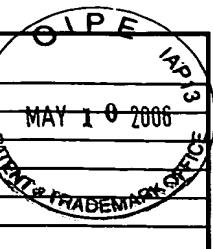
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